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### **COMMISSIONER URGES GOVERNOR TO LOWER GASOLINE EXCISE TAX**

County Commissioner Michael Brasher will sponsor a resolution at the next Administrative Meeting on Tuesday asking Governor Richardson and the state legislators to consider lowering the Gasoline Excise tax.

**“Currently, the excise tax is 17 cents per gallon and is passed on to the consumer at the pump,” says Commissioner Brasher. “A reduction would ease some of the financial strain that many families are forced to deal with.”**

The current average price per gallon across the state is \$2.85 per gallon, an all-time high. At the beginning of the legislative session in January 2006, it was estimated that, as a result of the high cost of gas and the taxes paid by consumers, the state had an extra half billion dollars in unexpected revenue to be used for state operating expenses.

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